



GRAMMAR

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

- **What are reflexive pronouns?**

They are used when the object is the same as the subject. For example, in the sentence **He hurt himself**, *he* and *himself* refer to the same person.

Reflexive pronouns are also used for emphasis. In this case, they are referred to as intensive pronouns. For example, in the sentence *I spoke to **the president himself***, the speaker emphasizes that he spoke to the president personally, NOT somebody else.

In the following examples, the reflexive/ intensive pronouns can be removed without changing the meaning:

I always do my homework **myself**. Nobody helps me.

He never does his homework **himself**. The teacher always helps him.

- **List of reflexive pronouns**

Subject Pronouns	Reflexive Pronouns
I	myself
you	yourself
he	himself
she	herself
it	itself
we	ourselves
you	yourselves
they	themselves



- **Uses of reflexive pronouns**

1. Reflexive pronouns are used when the subject and the object refer to the same thing.

- **He** blames **himself** for what happened.
- **You** might cut **yourself**.
- **We** will enjoy **ourselves** in the party.

2. Reflexive pronouns are also used for emphasis. In this case they are called intensive pronouns. Intensive pronouns can be removed without changing the meaning of the sentence.

- I met **the king himself**.
- **The president himself** announced the news.
- **He** sent the letter **himself**

3. Reflexive pronouns may be used as the object of a preposition.

- **He** made a cup of coffee for **himself**.
- **He** was talking to **himself**.
- **She** did the job by **herself**.
- Every morning, I look at **myself** in the mirror.

• **REVISION!**

Personal pronouns	Possessive adjectives	Possessive pronouns	Reflexive pronouns	Object pronouns
I	my	mine	myself	me
you	your	yours	yourself	you
he	his	his	himself	him
she	her	hers	herself	her
it	its	its	itself	it
we	our	ours	ourselves	us
you	your	yours	yourselves	you
they	their	theirs	themselves	them

WORKSHEET

1. Fill in the blanks with the right reflexive pronoun.

Subject Pronouns	Reflexive Pronouns
I	
you	
he	
she	
it	
we	
you	
they	



2. Choose the correct reflexive pronouns.

myself - yourself - himself - herself - itself - ourselves - yourselves - themselves

1. Alan made this dish
2. Laura sent the email
3. We shall not quarrel easily among, and forget our common objective.
4. Sara, did you write this poem.....?
5. Yes, I called her
6. He cut with the knife while he was sharpening it.
7. My computer often crashes and turns off by
8. She often talks to when she is upset
9. John and Alan, I am not going to do the homework for you. You have to do it
10. The students were so noisy. Even Nancy and Leila were making a lot of noise.....
11. Did the children behave?
12. I caught sight of in the mirror.